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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

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NL 020268

Serial No.

Group Art Unit

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Ex.

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EMBEDDING AN ADDITIONAL LAYER OF ERROR  
CORRECTION INTO AN ERROR CORRECTING CODE

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows: